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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: REPLY ON UN REFORM

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1. (SBU) Embassy followed up to obtain a substantive response to the non-paper on UN reform that the Ambassador delivered to Foreign Minister Carlos Morales Troncoso on January 24. Acting UN affairs director Rhadys Abreu de Polanco informed us March 8 that our views had been duly considered.

2, (SBU) With regard to the proposed Human Rights Committee: She explained that the Dominican Republic, which is currently in the troika of the Rio Group, has adopted the position of the Rio Group, which she understood to be similar to that of GRULAC, G-77, and the EU. She anticipated that, during the week of March 13-17, the UNGA president would talk with U.S. representatives to try to resolve remaining differences over the number of member states to be on the committee and whether a simple majority or two-thirds majority would be necessary to elect a member to the committee.

3, (SBU) With regard to administrative reforms: the Dominican Republic has not adopted a position, since debate on the topic has been deferred.  
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